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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Mr. Greg Wong, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

**SUBJECT: MTC 2000/01-2002/03 FTIP Amendment 17**

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 17 to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted with your letter dated August 9, 2001. MTC Resolution 3300, revised on July 25, 2001, adopted the amendment. This amendment proposes additions and modifications to the State and Local Highway Elements of the 2000/01-2002/03 FSTIP related to various transportation improvement projects in various counties throughout the MTC Region.

We accept those projects in this MTC amendment that are consistent with the data in the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). In accordance with 23 CFR 450 we find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). MTC Resolution 3304, adopted on July 25, 2001, found the 2001 TIP through Amendment 17 conforms to the State Implementation Plan. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR 93.126 and/or 93.127], or were considered as part of the conformity analysis for the current plan and program. Therefore, we find this FTIP conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

This letter constitutes joint FHWA and FTA approval for inclusion of the modifications proposed by MTC's 2000/01 FTIP Amendment No. 17 into the California 2000/01-2002-3 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). We are approving this amendment in accordance with the procedures outlined in the joint FHWA/FTA Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP amendments dated March 8, 1996.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Dennis A. Scovill*  
For  
Michael G. Ritchie  
Division Administrator